









TUESDAY, MAY 14, 1903.

## THE CHINA MAIL.

The *Guang* notices that the Queen has been pleased to appoint Lieutenant Paul Beauvoir, Esq., barrister-at-law, to be Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Lybia and its Dependencies.

The report of the Norddeutscher Lloyd for 1894 states that the development of the passenger and goods traffic to East Asia has not been influenced by the China-Japan war. The subsidiary line to the Far East has resulted in a profit of m. 1,440,791 against m. 95,138 for 1893.

The *Oceanian*, writes the Paris correspondent of the *N. O. Daily News*, has just had her engines changed from double to triple expansion, at a cost of £10,000. The change will give the vessel an extra two knots speed, the new engines being calculated to develop 4,000 horse power, or 700 more than was obtainable before. The *Yarra*, *Salsola*, *Sydney* and *Oakland* will in turn undergo the same improvement.

'Now that the peace is becoming assured,' writes a Tientsin native correspondent of the *N. O. Daily News*, 'Mr. Sheng, the notorious Chinese Tanti of Tientsin, has found that his life is no longer a life of luxury and ease, but a life of hardship and struggle. He has been ordered to leave Tientsin, and is now on his way to the frontier, where he will be kept under close surveillance. It is wonderful what money can do at Peking.'

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: Staff Engr. Mr. W. Ellis, to the *Prince*, to date April 23; Surgeon E. J. Morley, to the *Prince*, to date April 23; Engineer C. W. J. Barbrook, to the *Prince*, to date April 23; Assistant Engineer P. E. Lamb, to the *Prince*, to date April 23; Assistant Engineer L. Thorpe-Douglas, to the *Prince*, to date April 23; Assistant Engineer B. W. R. Hall (N.), to the *Prince*, to date April 23; Assistant Engineer B. W. R. Hall (N.), to the *Prince*, to date April 23; Assistant Engineer B. W. R. Hall (N.), to the *Prince*, to date April 23.

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The Local Secretary of the Rans Anglo-Siam Gold Mining Company, Ltd., Singapore, has received the following telegram from Mr. W. B. Bibby, Mining Manager at Rans, dated 11th May:—Rough clean up of Bitong yielded about 100 lbs. of gold, estimated quantity of stone, crushed being 1,000 tons. Bitong means work this morning. This will probably mean a little over 500 ounces gold, or 10 dwts. to the ton, the percentage of gold to amalgam being most likely 35 or 37 per cent.

The *Hongkong* says:—How, the unfortunate and, as it may still be argued, the much-maligned American passenger ship, *Edmund*, and *Walsh* were not, has been for some time past undergoing its trial in the Kure-Admiralty Court. We can learn nothing of how far the trial has proceeded, but it is likely to be passed upon in a few days. If over the particulars of the proceedings are fairly published they should make interesting reading.

Messrs. Bantel and Co., writing from Newchwang on 20th April, say:—The *Edmund* broke up late on 21st March, and arrived at the *Edmund* on 22nd March. The *Edmund* is a Chinese steamer, and is now in the hands of the Chinese. The *Edmund* is a Chinese steamer, and is now in the hands of the Chinese. The *Edmund* is a Chinese steamer, and is now in the hands of the Chinese.

It is notified that Mr. W. H. Whiting, of Despatch, has been appointed Chief Constructor at Hongkong. It may be hoped, says the *Edmund*, that this appointment will put an end to the complaints which have been made at home in connection with the efficiency of the Hongkong dockyard. We should have less to say of it if the Imperial Government were as ready to provide for the defence of coaling stations and dockyards in Eastern waters as they are to provide money out of the common purse for the maintenance of the Imperial dockyard at Hongkong.

On the order for the second reading of the Naval Works Bill a debate took place, in the course of which Lord G. Hamilton asked for an explicit statement whether the dockyard at Hongkong was to be maintained by the Admiralty, or whether it was to be maintained by the Imperial Government. The answer was given by the Admiralty, and was to the effect that the dockyard was to be maintained by the Imperial Government. The answer was given by the Admiralty, and was to the effect that the dockyard was to be maintained by the Imperial Government.

HONGKONG RIFLE ASSOCIATION. Twenty-seven members were present on Saturday to compete for the Short Range Cup. The cup was won by Private G. B. B. The two first competitors were Mr. B. B. B. and Mr. C. C. C. The two first competitors were Mr. B. B. B. and Mr. C. C. C.

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### REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE 'CHINA MAIL']

#### RESULT OF THE JUBILEE STAKES (KEMPTON PARK.)

Victor Wild ... .. 1  
Crown ... .. 2  
El Diablo ... .. 3

#### THE STRAITS MILITARY CONTRIBUTION.

Mr. R. W. Hanbury, Member for Proton, has presented a petition to the House of Commons against the Straits Military Contribution.

#### GERMANY.

The Reichstag has rejected the Anti-revolutionary bill.

#### JAPANESE VIOLENCE FOR FORMOSA.

Vicount Katsuyama has been appointed Viceroy of Formosa.

#### JAPAN AND CHINA.

Japan intends to gradually withdraw her troops from the mainland of China as the war indemnity is paid.

#### RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

Russia is negotiating with Japan in a friendly manner, with a view of settling the points of the China-Japan treaty that remain in dispute.

#### THE FRENCH IN EGYPT.

The French have established a fortified post at El-Hajia, within the British frontier of the Lower Nile, and the French Governor of Dahomey has been through the territory of the Nile Company.

#### THE LATE DEPRESSION.

The following note was issued by the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 14th at 10.45 a.m. The depression over Luzon appears to be passing slowly away to the Eastward. At 11.10 a.m., Forecast:—Barometer steady; moderate N.E. winds; fine.

#### THE LOSS OF THE 'PEKIN.'

THE MARINE COURT OF ENQUIRY. This morning a Marine Court of Enquiry was opened at the Harbour Office to inquire into the loss of the *Pekin*, a British steamship, which was wrecked on the 14th inst. at the mouth of the River.

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### PRECAUTIONS AGAINST THE PLAGUE.

The following official correspondence, with reference to the arrangements made to guard against the plague, has been forwarded to us for publication:—

Public Works Office, Hongkong, 8th May, 1903.

Sir, I have the honour to forward for the information of His Excellency the Governor the enclosed copy of a report by Mr. Crow, Assistant Secretary and Deputy Superintendent, showing the arrangements that have been made with a view to preventing the further spread of the bubonic plague and dealing with any cases that may occur. The arrangements have received my approval, and I have given orders to the effect of the Sanitary Board to strict enforcement of the provisions of the Health Ordinance and by-laws without fear or favour.

3.—His Excellency is aware (a) that Captain Hastings has, with the assistance of Mr. Crow and other officers of the Sanitary Board, arranged for the isolation of persons who have been in contact with plague patients, in marriage boats moored off Stonecutter Island.

(b) That the Colonial Surgeon has made the necessary arrangements in respect of the inspection of cases at the Prince of Wales Hospital and their subsequent treatment if necessary at the hospital at Kennedy Town.

(c) That Dr. Lawson visits premises in which cases of plague occur, and in which cases of plague occur, and in which cases of plague occur.

(d) That the Director of Public Works has arranged to provide further hospital accommodation at the Prince of Wales Hospital, and is supervising the preparation of the graves and interment of the remains of plague victims at the plague cemetery at Mount David.

(e) That the Director of Public Works is enforcing the provisions of Ordinance 15 of 1894 as to the removal of refuse, and is supervising the removal of refuse from the premises of persons who have been in contact with plague patients.

(f) That the Sanitary Inspectors in several districts in the city, eight in number, are on duty to inspect the premises of persons who have been in contact with plague patients, and to see that the provisions of the Health Ordinance and by-laws are strictly enforced.

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### THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

THE EMPEROR OF CHINA ON THE PEACE TREATY.

From a private source, the *China Mail* (Wah Tat Yee) has received the following translation:—

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But on the other hand the Wo-yen, pledging themselves on their successive victories, are obtaining and extending the peace treaty far through, it is quite within the range of our thought that they would certainly invade Liao Yang in the north and attack the capital in the south.

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